NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Ranch Center Road Culvert Repairs

LOCATION: Point Muqu COUNTY: Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Repair damaged culvert at Ranch Center Road, access to the Point Mugu back country for patrol and emergency vehicles. The culvert exists approximately 1/2 mile from where Sycamore Canyon Road and Ranch Center Road meet. The heavy rainfall during the month of January 2008 has compromised the outlet sidewall of the culvert. This culvert has endured a considerable amount of erosion, due to the great volume of water that runs through it during heavy rainfall. Additionally, a section of concrete support wall has fallen directly in the path of the outlet of the culvert, causing back flow into the culvert and further undermining the area and three separate water sources along surrounding roads and trails are draining directly onto the side of the culvert undermining the side of the culvert and the asphalt road.

As an immediate temporary solution the project proposes to break up the large concrete block and move it away from the outlet of the culvert, allowing for a free flow of water. Placing the large concrete sections under the undermined area would serve as a support in order to further rock and soil from the earthen dam in Upper Sycamore Creek nearby. Once the area has been stabilized, approximately $1\ 1/2\ -2$ feet of fill would be placed as top soil and compacted in order for the native vegetation to take over.

DUBLIC ACENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: Colifornia Department of Parks and Represtion

| NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING EXEMPT STATUS: Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a)) Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) an Statutory Exemption (Section) Categorical Exemption | |
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| Class: 1 Section(s): 15301 REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated. An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources. There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1) | |
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